

About CEP

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The **Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking (CEP)** was established by the bipartisan Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016 ([P.L. 114-140](#)), jointly sponsored by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), and signed by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2016. The Act recognizes that better use of existing data may improve how government programs operate. The mission of the Commission is to develop a strategy for increasing the availability and use of data in order to build evidence about government programs, while protecting privacy and confidentiality. Through the course of the Commission's work, members will study how data, research, and evaluation are currently used to build evidence, and how to strengthen the government's evidence-building efforts.

The Commission is composed of 15 members, appointed by the President, the Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader. Members include individuals with experience as academic researchers, data experts, program administrators, and privacy experts. Currently appointed members of the Commission include:

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| Katharine G. Abraham, Chair <i>University of Maryland</i> | | Ron Haskins, Co-Chair <i>Brookings Institution</i> |
| Sherry Glied <i>New York University</i> | Robert Groves <i>Georgetown University</i> | Robert Hahn <i>University of Oxford</i> |
| Hilary Hoynes <i>University of California, Berkeley</i> | Jeffrey Liebman <i>Harvard University</i> | Bruce Meyer <i>University of Chicago</i> |
| Paul Ohm <i>Georgetown University</i> | Allison Orris <i>Office of Management and Budget</i> | Kathleen Rice <i>Faerge Baker Daniels LLP</i> |
| Robert Shea <i>Grant Thornton LLP</i> | Latanya Sweeney <i>Harvard University</i> | Kenneth Troske <i>University of Kentucky</i> |
| | Kim Wallin <i>D.K. Wallin, Ltd.</i> | |

Members will apply their diverse range of experience and multidisciplinary expertise to study several key issues related to the use of survey and administrative data:

- Existing barriers to accessing and using data government already collects
- Strategies for better integrating existing data with appropriate infrastructure and security, to support policy research and evaluation
- Practices for monitoring and assessing outcomes of government programs
- Whether a data clearinghouse could enhance program evaluation and research opportunities

During the course of its work, the Commission will solicit input from stakeholders, including Federal agencies, researchers, program evaluators, program administrators, advocacy organizations, foundations and non-profit organizations, and the business community.

Under current law, the Commission will issue its findings and report to the President and the Congress in September 2017.